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ESTABLISHMENT OF MORE FIELD OBSERVATORIES BY IMD
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India Meteorological Department (IMD)has been maintaining an Environmental meteorology unit in New Delhi and a field observatory at Taj Mahal;

(b) if so, the objectives thereof;

(c) whether the IMD propose to establish some more such observatories in the country during 2001-2002;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) the funds allocated for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) Yes Sir, India Meteorological Department (IMD) has an Environmental Meteorology Unit(EMU) at New Delhi anda field observatory at the Taj Mahal site in Agra under an agency scheme funded by the Ministry of Environment & Forests.

(b) The Meteorological Observatory at Agra records observations of wind, temperature and relative humidity at the Taj Mahal site.

The EMU at New Delhi, compiles and analyses the Taj Observatory data and prepares periodical reports for the Ministry of Environment and Forests. In addition to this, it also provides assistance to Ministry of Environment and Forests in assessment of Air Pollution Impacts due to various Industries, Power Plants and Mining Projects.

(c) No. This is an agency scheme for a specific purpose and IMD does not propose to establish more such observatories.

(d) and (e): Does not arise.